

A WORD FOR SILVER.

The question of giving to silver the same recognition as money as is given to gold is not a partisan question, but rather it is a sectional one. The advocacy of silver money began in the West: it is creeping East; and if the Democrats of Ohio are bright, they will fill that State with men who can discuss the silver question on its merits, that will have very little to say about the McKinley tariff, that will show to the men of Ohio, Republicans and Democrats alike, that the cause of the congestion of business, the fall of prices, which during the last fifteen years has taken a vast amount of the profits of labor which has filled the land with distress, which has caused the mortgages on the country to treble; which has doubled the number of inmates in the prisons and insane asylums; which has caused young men and women to fly from beautiful homes in the country in which they were born, to seek a living by their wits in the cities; which has caused land to fall thirty per cent. throughout the old, beautiful agricultural valleys between the prairies and the Atlantic; which has stopped the increase of population in all the rural districts; which has given city after city a feverish boom out of proportion to the country surrounding them; that all these misfortunes and many more, have their origin in that nefarious act through which our Government withdrew its recognition from the silver dollar, when that dollar on an even footing with gold, was worth a premium over the gold dollar. That that act, so far as our country was concerned, destroyed one-half the money in the world. That so far as the influence of our country was concerned, it by a natural law destroyed one-half the property in the world; that the fall of prices is not because of the tariff; that the distress is not because of the tariff, but it is because when our business was running at full speed when the country was advancing as no other country ever advanced before, at a time when our people were using twice as much money as any other people, and when they needed three times as much money as any other people per capita, this infamous act at the dictation of the creditor class, was forced upon our country. That all the sorrows named above, and more too, followed as a natural sequence, and that the first thing to do to restore the ancient prosperity, is to give back the old recognition to silver, and to learn to appreciate the real fact, that the gold and silver in the Western deserts of this country, were placed there for the purpose of making the lubricating oil for commerce, that its wheels might move without heating or delay onward to the peaceable conquest of this continent, and that in point of fact, the silver plank in the Ohio Democratic platform, is the only really important plank in the whole instrument.—Salt Lake Tribune.

Struck a Ledge by a Well.  
The Enterprise has the following:  
William Leadbetter, for several years section boss of the V. & T. R. R. in Virginia City, left his job a few weeks ago and settled near Corvallis, Oregon, on a farm which he purchased. His idea was to build a home to be perpetuated by his children. While at work in a well 18 feet deep, several days ago, he came across black looking stuff that his mining education was sufficient to whisper in his ear that it contained mineral. Mr. Leadbetter accordingly sent some of it to Professor F. E. Fielding of the Con. Cal. Va. assay office, and in due time received the following reply: "Much as you would like to get out of quartz to cultivate the rich soil of Oregon, I would advise you to develop the matter from which you sent me a sample for assay. I find it is worth \$1122 a ton in gold."  
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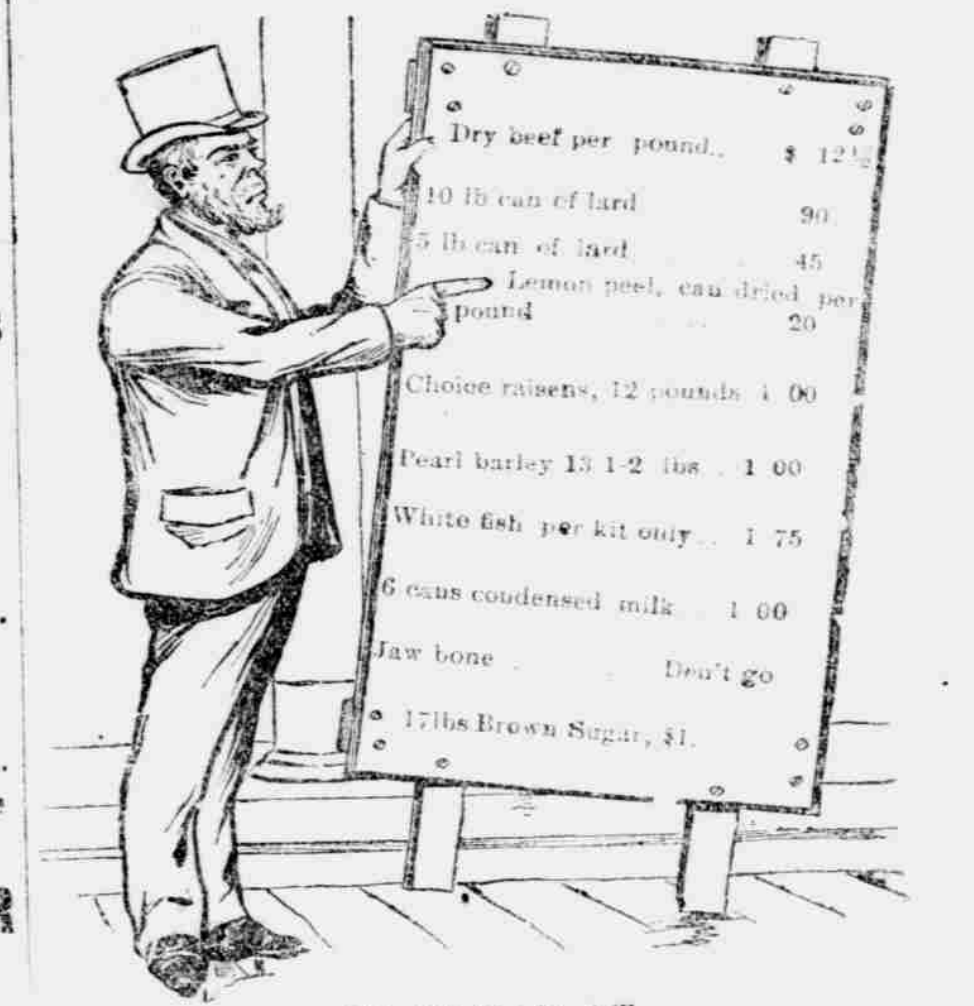
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